

St. Bede's Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to inform you that your child has successfully secured a place on this year's Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. There was a huge number of applicants and I was very impressed by everyone's thoughtful applications.

In order for the students to participate in the award they need to be able to attend all of the training sessions, (which will happen on Thursday week A, 3:15-4:15) the practice expedition and the assessed expedition, these dates are now fixed and can't be amended.

Regarding groupings, those who requested either group 1 or 2 have had those places secured. Those who have not specified a group will be allocated during the Thursday sessions.

As ever, students need to be fully committed to the DofE Award and understand that there is much more than just the expedition aspect of the Award. They also need to undertake a Skill, Physical Activity and Volunteering as part of the Award (two for three months and one for six months). These do not need to be new to the student and can be something that they are already doing and plan to continue to do (e.g. music lessons or sport clubs). They can also all be undertaken simultaneously.

If you have not already done so, could I kindly ask that the payment (£90) is paid by November 7th, as I now have ordered the participant places. This cost will include Duke of Edinburgh registration, training session resources, overnight camping fees, transport and group equipment (Tents, stoves, compasses, maps and first aid kits). Unfortunately, as we will need to pay fees to the Duke of Edinburgh Organisation and make bookings in advance we will not be able to give any refunds to pupils who are unable to complete the award. Cheques can be made payable to St Bede's Catholic College.

I will be holding a Q&A session for parents from 4:00-4:30pm on Thursday 18th October in the lecture Theatre within the college, which I invite all parents to attend to help all students in successfully achieving their award, and to clarify any further questions that you may have.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sutton
Duke of Edinburgh Award Manager

